

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Survey No. WO-218

Magi No. 2402185704

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common

William Edward
Fisher House

2. Location

street & number 505 South Main Street

 not for publication

city, town Berlin

 vicinity of

congressional district 1st

state

Maryland

county

Worcester

3. Classification

Category

 district
X building(s)
 structure
 site
 object

Ownership

 public
X private
 both

Public Acquisition

 in process
 being considered
X not applicable

Status

X occupied
 unoccupied
 work in progress

Accessible

X yes: restricted
 yes: unrestricted
 no

Present Use

 agriculture
 commercial
 educational
 entertainment
 government
 industrial
 military
 museum
 park
X private residence
 religious
 scientific
 transportation
 other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Wm. Edward Fisher, Jr.

street & number 505 South Main Street

telephone no.: 641-2128

city, town Berlin

state and zip code MD 21811

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Courthouse

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street & number Market Street

 folio

city, town

Snow Hill,

state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

 federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Fisher house is located on the east side of South Main Street, near the end of the residential area. The house stands close to the street on a narrow, deep lot with a garage and two outbuildings behind. The house was constructed in 1922 by the present owner's father.

The 2½-story frame "4 square" house has a pyramidal hip roof with deep overhang and a central chimney. The 2 bay by 2 bay vinyl-sided structure sits atop an ashlar-faced block foundation. The main block of the house is approximately 35' square.

The front or west facade has a centered, hip-roofed dormer with two single-sash windows. The 2-bay, one-story porch has a hip roof supported by three Tuscan-style columns. The entrance is located in the right bay while the left bay is an oversized 1/1 window. Few, if any, decorative elements are discernable.

Windows throughout the house are 1/1, occurring in pairs on the north and south facades near the rear of the structure.

The east or rear elevation has a shed-roofed addition supported by ashlar-faced block piers. This former porch has been partially enclosed and a flat-roofed porch extension added.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1922 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Fisher house in its style and placement on its property is typical of early 20th century residential building in Berlin and many small towns. The simplicity of style, characteristic of the "American 4-square" and its solidly built character, are evident although the house is sheathed in synthetic materials.

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